

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussing is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are pending, Claims 2-3 and 6, 8, 9, and 11-12 having been amended and Claims 1, 7 and 10 cancelled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 9 was objected to, Claims 1, 7 and 10 were rejected as being anticipated by Doi (U.S. Patent 4,747,091); and Claims 2-6, 8-9, 11 and 12 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

In reply, the objection to Claim 9 has been corrected by adopting the Examiner's suggestion.

In view of the indication of the allowability of Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12, each of these claims have been written in independent form and are now believed to be in allowable form. Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been cancelled and will be prosecuted in a continuation application.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12, as amended, patentable defines over the asserted prior art. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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